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When Evan was involved with Cabbies one night he brought home a styrofoam cup w/dirt in it. I was set in the kitchen window. I watched it day after day.

Nothing for a while, then light green shoots then the cup began to be filled with grass. To think his little 4 year old unskilled hands planted those seeds and yet they began to grow. This is the lightning flash main truth in tonight's parable. The inevitable growth of the planted seed. When the seed is sown, it will grow. The seed as we know from ^{1st} parable is the word of God. I want of to see fruit of all.

I. The Power of the Seed - The power of grow is in the seed. The Life is in the seed. That book you held in your hand is a line book. Heb 4:12 But first realize

A. The Responsible Labor of the Sower ^{vs 26} Just because there is life & power in the seed does not mean that we are not left with a responsibility to sow the seed. There has to be a sower. Rom 10:14 How shall they hear w/o... There must be water poured on that seed and surrounding soil which I liken to prayer. And there must be a receptive heart. Like our previous parable the light must have a stand. there can be a cross

Apr. 1786 William Carey burdened for missions
was told "When God is pleased to save the
heathen He will do it w/o our help." That's
the wrong attitude toward the Seed. Responsible

B. The Regenerating Life in the Seed
Responsible yes, but this parable emphasises
that we can not create the growth.

VS 27b: "he knoweth not how." He doesn't have
a clue how this life happens, because the
life already is in the seed. Archeologist
uncovered a South American necklace with a
seed in it. Planted it and it grew to a 6' tall plant
The Life is in the Seed. Although it may
lie dormant, that bible is a Living Bible
The Power of the word of Christ was
able to quicken the 4 days of dead Lazarus,
to kill a fig tree, to cause the enemy of Christ
to fall back. Sharp Sword of His mouth will lay

II. The Productivity of the Shoot
As we follow this see in VS 28 we begin
to see a shoot come up out of the ground!
There begins to be productivity from the seed

A. An Internal Source of Growth

Note phrase "of her self" it is the
greek word from which we get our word
automatic. Quest "Self moved" "spontaneous"
Same word used in Acts 12 of gates open for Peter
The Secret of growth is in seed. Life is not
in water, soil, sower but in seed. Things

1) Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

2) ...mouth will lay waste the armies of the world in the day of the Lord. Do you realize that it was not the persuasiveness of the preacher, the harmonies of the choir or the greatness of the church that got you in the kingdom of God? It was the word of God 1 Peter 1:23-25 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

1) Isaiah 55:10-11 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

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2) 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are labourers together with God...

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didn't look good for Jesus. Rejected by his people, disciples, crucified, why didn't he give up. Life was in the seed. There would be a harvest! Do you want to grow. Just like that children's song

Read your Bible pray every day and you'll grow grow grow. / Is 55:10-11 ①

B. An Intense Steadfastness in Sowing

This ought to encourage our hearts. Just as Evans unskilled hands planted the seeds of Grass that sprung up, some need only be faithful and responsible in the seed and when the conditions are right there will be growth. This should

cause us to rise up like in verse 26 and cast the seed on ground. I thought we are not real sure how it happens we can know there will be a harvest. Teach children, you are sowing good seed! Also be patient vs 27 back 4 fourth night day. It took 21 years for seed to come to fruition in my heart.

III. The Principals to the Sower

There are two principals to be gained out of these last verses to take with us as we go out into the fields of the Lord

A. A Perspective on Our Labors - ②

We are sowers of the seed. 2 Cor 5:10-11 So the emphasis is on the labors here but on the harvest it is not about

not on my ministry or my legacy, but its about the harvest. This farmer is not laboring for the country blue ribbon crop. He's not looking forward to the prize winning rubarb. No! He is concerned with bringing in a harvest. What is our concern here? Getting back to the glory day of yesterday, or see a thriving harvest come in! This Parable focuses in on the harvest.

B. A Purpose for Our Lord - There is an eerie ring to the end of this parable reminding me of the Return of the Lord Jesus who will bring in the great harvest in the day of Judgment. Where he will separate the wheat from the Tares, the sheep from the goats. There is a reason a Purpose for our planting and our sense of intensely concerning our labors. The Lord is returning. Therefore labor on. We shall reap if we faint not.

IV Closing Remember the power is in the seed. Relay the truth and leave the rest up to God.